

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A radial/axial bearing comprising:

a radial bearing received in a cylindrical sleeve, having cylindrical rolling bodies positioned between the cylindrical sleeve and an inner ring; and

an axial bearing having cylindrical rolling bodies, said radial bearing and said axial bearing being connected to form a captive structural unit and arranged axially one beside the other substantially in one plane, wherein

an outer running track of the axial bearing formed by a radially inward-pointing rim of the cylindrical sleeve, said rim adjoining an axially outward-projecting cylindrical portion of the sleeve,

an inner running track of the axial bearing formed by a radially outward-pointing rim of the inner ring of the radial bearing or by a running disk such that the axes of rotation of the cylindrical rolling bodies of the radial bearing intersects the axes of rotation of the cylindrical rolling bodies of the axial bearing at a center of the cylindrical rolling bodies of the axial bearing.

2. (Previously Presented) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rolling bodies of the radial bearing have a smaller ratio of diameter to length than the rolling bodies of the axial bearing.
3. (Previously Presented) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rolling bodies of the radial bearing are designed as needles with a ratio of diameter to length of 1:2.5 to 1:10.

4. (Previously Presented) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the radially inward-pointing rim of the cylindrical sleeve is provided with an axially inward-pointing flange.
5. (Previously Presented) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rolling bodies of the radial bearing are guided in a cage.
6. (Previously Presented) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rolling bodies of the axial bearing are guided in a cage.
7. (Previously Presented) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cylindrical sleeve and the inner ring are produced by means of a noncutting shaping operation.
8. (New) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 1, wherein diameter of the axially outward-projecting cylindrical portion of the sleeve is smaller than the diameter of the cylindrical sleeve.
9. (New) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 4, wherein diameter of the axially inward-pointing flange is larger than the inside diameter of the inner ring.
10. (New) The radial/axial bearing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the radial extent of the cylindrical rolling bodies of the axial bearing is smaller than the radial extent of the cylindrical rolling bodies of the radial bearing.